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For: **IMAGE PROCESSING
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action mailed December 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: